

WARD W. PIERSON, PENN PROFESSOR, KILLED IN FRANCE... Wharton School Man Slain Just After Promotion to Major... WELL-KNOWN ATTORNEY... Commander of Company in 315th Was Among First in Training Camp

Major Ward W. Pierson, of this city, was killed in France. He met death in action November 9. Official word of his death was received this afternoon from the War Department by Provost Smith, University of Pennsylvania.

Major Pierson was a professor at the University, in charge of the Business Law Department of the Wharton School of Finance, until he entered the military service.

He was promoted from captain just five days before he was killed. Before he was advanced he commanded Company M, 315th Infantry, part of the Seventy-ninth Division, which trained at Camp Meade.

Major Pierson was prominent as a member of the bar, having been in the army service two years, being one of the first to go to an officers' training school. He was thirty-nine years old.

Born on a farm in Hamilton County, Pa., he received his early education in the country schools, and then worked as a carpenter to pay his way through college.

He received a bachelor of science degree at Northwestern University, and Ph. D. degree at the University of Pennsylvania. His legal education was obtained as a student with Judge W. W. Pierson. His law office was at 901 Bailey Building.

He was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Major Pierson for sixteen years was a member of the University of Pennsylvania faculty.

The soldier-professor had been interested in military preparedness for several years, and attended the Plattsburg training camp from its beginning. Two years ago he obtained a leave of absence from the University, when he was given an army commission.

He first went to the Plattsburg camp, and then was detailed to Camp Meade. He commanded Company M of the 315th Infantry and went overseas with his command.

Major Pierson was married and his wife is now in Washington, where she has been engaged in war work for more than a year. They had no children.

The Pierson home was on Byberry road below Bustleton avenue, Somerton.

PHILA. AVIATOR PROMOTED... Lt. Alexander McLanahan Made Captain in France, Parents Hear

Lieutenant Alexander McLanahan, head of aerial flights in France, has been promoted to captain. News of his promotion was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McLanahan, at 18th and Walnut streets, today, in a letter from their son, dated November 5.

Captain McLanahan had, on September 16, three air victories officially recorded. He had won six others, which were not observed, and were not official. His letters since that date have contained nothing but reports of his exploits.

In the letter telling of his promotion he said that officers in his region did not expect to see him in France. A German soldier had been invaded, but that at the rate the army was advancing it would not be long until that had been accomplished.

DESERTED SHIP'S CREW SAVED... New U. S. Merchantmen Sends News to Cape May

The crew of the American schooner Joseph P. Cooper, which was abandoned in the Atlantic, has been rescued. The vessel was sighted by the British steamer Eastern Star, according to a wireless report received today at Cape May.

The message announced that the Cooper was drifting and was dangerous to navigation.

The Cooper was commanded by Captain J. P. Beaucamp. It is a three masted wooden schooner of 313 gross tons, built in 1915.

The rescue ship is one of Uncle Sam's new merchantmen, under control of the United States Shipping Board. It is a 437-ton vessel built in December, 1917, at Seattle, and is commanded by Captain C. W. Henry.

FIRST TROOPS NEAR PORT... Mauretania Expected to Dock at New York Tomorrow

New York, Nov. 30.—The first American troops to return from England will arrive tomorrow afternoon on the British transport Mauretania, and will be followed on Monday by the troops on the White Star liner Lapland and the Atlantic Transport liner Minikahda.

Men of the 210th Engineer Corps have been working for several days at Camp Mills, Mineola, making barracks ready for 3000 of the troops which will arrive early next week. The engineers are also preparing for 10,000 men at Mitchell Field, and for 16,000 to come later to Camp Mills.

Newport News, Va., Nov. 30.—(By A. P.) The transport ship arrived here yesterday bringing a number of wounded from the American expeditionary forces.

Among other passengers were consular agents, Ted Cross nurses and Y. M. C. A. workers.

WILSON PICTURES IN GERMANY... Wilson Gives Us Armistice, Now Give Us Just Peace, Is Plea

With the American Army of Occupation, Nov. 30.—(By A. P.)—Pictures of President Wilson are being displayed in various parts of Germany, bearing on them the words: "You gave us an armistice; now give us a just peace," according to an American who has been as far as Frankfurt.

Everywhere the American says he is treated with courtesy, the civilians crowding about his automobile, many of whom spoke English, asking if it were true that President Wilson planned to visit Germany in the interest of the common people.

GO-TO-CHURCH WEATHER... Fair and slightly colder tonight; Sunday, fair.

West winds blowing, moderate, light, overcast.

Edmund Rostand is one of the most illustrious representatives of the romantic school of French literature since Victor Hugo. Rostand's first dramatic undertaking, "Les Romanesques," written in verse, proved his making. With his production in 1887 of "Cyrano de Bergerac," he became a household name.

SPROUL AGAINST HASTY CHANGING OF CONSTITUTION... Governor-Elect Inclined to Wait Until Social Conditions Are Settled

Pennsylvania's constitution is not likely to be revised within the next year, according to Governor-elect William C. Sproul.

Senator Sproul, who is known to take a keen interest in the revision project, today expressed the feeling that the time might not be ripe for going into the big subject of the constitution.

"I am marking time," said the Governor-elect, "until social conditions are indicated all over the world as a result of this war. To revise the State constitution while it will be necessary to take these conditions into consideration. Other States which have attempted to revise their constitutions recently have made mistakes. We must avoid these mistakes in Pennsylvania."

"I do not feel sure that it would be wise to revise Pennsylvania's constitution within the next year. It is a matter of getting the proper perspective. I don't believe we can get an adequate view from the great social and economic changes which the war has brought to get the true perspective on our own problems in the light of recent world events."

ACCUSED AS FAKE PHYSICIAN... Man Held on Charge of Practicing Medicine Without License

Richard H. Reissold, 15th and Montgomery avenues, was arrested today, charged with practicing medicine without a license.

According to Dr. Louis A. Salzman, 1530 South Fifth street, Reissold posed as a "metronomist." Doctor Salzman said he feigned illness, and that Reissold promised to cure him for \$50.

Reissold, a Czech headhunter, fifteen street and Snyder avenue station, said the prisoner told him he had a serious illness and offered to treat him for \$50 a week.

Magistrate Penick held Reissold in \$400 bail for court.

LABOR ASSAILS MOONEY FATE... "Should Have Received Freedom or Gallows." Is Criticism

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—(By A. P.) The San Francisco Labor Council, after a long executive session, issued a statement today denouncing the execution of William D. Stephens in commuting to life imprisonment the sentence of Kolchak as a Czech headhunter.

The labor council's statement declared the Governor had "straddled the fence" and that the Mooney case should be granted a full pardon or else allowed to hang.

Ufa Government Wants Recognition of All-Russian Cabinet... By CARL W. ACKERMAN

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Ekaterinburg, Nov. 26.—(Via Vladivostok, Nov. 26).—The Italian and Japanese Czecho-Slovak headquarters have been informed by the Ufa Government that they will not support Admiral Kolchak as a Czech headhunter.

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SENATE MAY SEND OBSERVERS... Resolutions Pending for Committee to Attend Peace Meeting

Washington, Nov. 30.—Senate resolutions pending for committee to attend peace meeting in Paris, Nov. 30.—The condition of Edmund Rostand, the famous French author, who is seriously ill of pneumonia, is reported to be alarming.

D. S. MEDALS FOR GENERALS... Bliss, Liggett, Bullard, Dickman and Harbord Honored

Washington, Nov. 30.—(By A. P.) General Pershing has been directed by President Wilson to confer the Distinguished Service Medal on General Bliss, Lieutenant General Liggett and Bullard, and Major General Dickman, 30th and Harbord.

CLINTON W. GILBERT... Staff Writer of the Evening Public Ledger

whose illuminating articles from Washington covering peace negotiations have attracted wide attention and approval.

SAILS FOR FRANCE TOMORROW... to report the visit of President Wilson and the deliberations of the peace conference for this newspaper.

Mr. Gilbert was the first special correspondent at Washington to announce that Henry White would be one of the peace delegates.

WHITE A SENVOY IN DISFAVOR HERE... Sproul Calls Peace Commissioner a "Superannuated Diplomat"

The Rapid Transit Company is willing to leave the question of the continuation of the skip-stop system to a committee of leading citizens.

This was announced in a statement this afternoon by Thomas E. Mitten, president of the company.

After a long preamble, in which it is denied the skip-stops were responsible for the numerous recent fatal trolley accidents, the statement set forth the company's selection of the personnel of the proposed committee, as follows:

W. N. B. Alney, chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission.

Ernest T. Trigg, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Edgar F. Smith, provost of the University of Pennsylvania.

Major Smith.

James E. Lennon, president of Select Council.

Dr. E. B. Gleason, president of the Common Council.

Charles Lewis Dougherty, Bishop Philip M. Rhinelander, the Rev. Joseph Krauskopf.

Mrs. Rudolph Blankenburg, representative of the women's committee of the council of national defense.

Mrs. Lewis J. Jump, city chairman of the same body.

Chairman MacNellie, of the United Business Men's Association.

A representative of the daily newspapers.

No further information.

No further information would be vouchsafed by any official of the transit company. No one was willing even to say that the proposed members of the committee would either do or not do a thing.

Apparently this formality has not yet been attended to. No arrangements have been made for the first meeting of the body.

Comment on Affiliations.

Several commented upon the newly named commissioner's German affiliations. His only daughter is the Countess Mariel Scherzer-Thomsen, a member of the Prussian nobility who served as an army officer under the former Kaiser.

Armed forces were made also on his reported utterances, extremely favorable to Germany, made before America entered the conflict.

Governor-elect William C. Sproul said he is a "superannuated diplomat" who is going to the peace conference.

"It is a disgrace," said Sproul, "if the President were making an effort, in the guise of selecting a Republican to select a man who is a superannuated diplomat with strong German affiliations as representative of this party's thought in the present situation."

Almost a Collapse.

"I cannot understand what is the matter with the Administration at Washington," said John Winston, chairman of the committee of seventy.—"The appointment did not strike me very favorably. It looks as if President Wilson has his head in the clouds; the administrative department has almost collapsed, and with McAdoo's resignation, every one seems to be trying to run for cover while the running is good."

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